(b) if so, the reasons for which the capacity of M/s. Bisleri (India) Private Limited, has not been assessed till now by the Director of Industries ;

(c) if their capacity is not registered, what action Government propose to take in the matter; and

(d) whether they can, under the existing circumstances, manufacture unlimited quantities ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Normally the capacity of a small scale unit which require scarce indigenous/imported raw material is assessed by the Directorate of Industries on application at the time of granting permanent registration.

(b) Since the full particulars of the unit and its locations are not indicated it is not possible to furnish any details.

(c) and (d) In the small scale sector, a prospective entrepreneur need not obtain any licence/registration for setting up a unit unless the item of manufacture is governed by special regulation where there may be restrictions on the quantity to be produced. However, entrepreneurs in their own interest are advised to register their units with the Directorate of Industries of the State where their units are located irrespective of whether or not they require any assistance from the Government. Registration helps a unit to obtain certain facilities and assistance from Government under the programme of development of small scale industries as announced from time to time.

Export of Maruti cars

51. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to export Maruti cars ;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal ;

(c) whether any export market in any foreign country has been studied so far in this regard ; and

(d) the foreign exchange likely to be earned as a result of this export ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI) : (a) to (c) Maruti Udyog Ltd. is exploring the possibility of exporting its vehicles to neighbouring and East European Countries.

(d) It is premature to estimate foreign exchange earnings.

Setting up National Gas Grid

52. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for setting up of a national Gas Grid for effectively utilising the gas resources in the country ;

(b) whether the blue print for this Gas Grid has since been prepared ; and

(c) the amount of funds allocated so far for this purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) and (b) Oil and Natural Gas Commission has prepared a preliminary report on the prospects of natural gas availability in India, and on the utilisation of this projected availability of gas. The total cost of the gas grid proposed for this purpose is about Rs. 13700 crores.

(c) Government have approved implementation of the HBJ gas pipeline project at an estimated cost of Rs. 1700.17 crores.